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Board of Health.

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday night. The first matter taken up was the final passage of the ordinance prohibiting the building of any privy or cesspool without the consent of the Board of Health, under a penalty of \$25 for each offence.

Inspector Gilbert disposed of violations of the Health Code as follows:

Mr. Ferguson of Second Street was fined \$25; Mr. Kapulchapek also of Second Street was fined \$5.

The case of the Brick Row on Bloomfield Avenue is still in the hands of the Justice. Mr. Ballantine of Brooklyn, the owner of the above mentioned block, came to town, and accompanied Inspector Gilbert on a tour of inspection of his property. He expressed himself as satisfied that sewer connections should be made. They also called upon Mr. Lawrence, chairman of the Sewer Committee, to complete necessary arrangements for the work.

The question of testing the plumbing when sewer connections are made was brought up by Inspector Gilbert, who reported that three sewer connections had been made recently without testing the plumbing.

Dr. Bailey said that this test should be made.

Inspector Gilbert cited the case of the Bank building where the test of the plumbing was made and found to be defective in several places. It should be done to prevent sewer gas entering the building.

Secretary Johnson offered the following resolution:

"That hereafter all applications for sewer connections must be granted by the Board of Health, or by the Health Inspector when the Board is not in session."

Inspector Gilbert said that the above should be an ordinance and not a resolution.

A recess of five minutes was taken to permit the Counsel, Inspector and Secretary to get together and prepare an ordinance.

The resolution was withdrawn and the following ordinance passed first reading:

"That hereafter all plumbing must be tested by the Inspector, before any building shall be connected with the sewer."

The above will be operative as a resolution until the ordinance is adopted.

The question of the disposition of garbage was brought forward and discussed by the Board. The Inspector said that other municipalities take care of garbage and do it systematically. In East Orange the expense paid out of the tax levy.

Dr. Bailey said that something should be done in regard to this matter.

On motion of Secretary Johnson it was referred to the Township Committee for consideration.

Complaint was made of throwing garbage on vacant lots on Benson Street. Inspector Gillett made complaint against H. B. Wiggins & Son, who operate a shade factory at Watseking, and create a nuisance by dumping "sawdust" in the rear of Lawrence Street.

Taylor Bros. of Montclair will repair the defective plumbing in the Franklin Street Brick Row.

Cornelius Van Wagner, who owns the property in Railroad Place, failed to comply with the request of the Board for the reason that he intends to sell the property. Notice was sent him to connect these houses with the sewer.

Inspector Gilbert informed the Board that the drain for the Thomas Street ditch would not be large enough to drain so large a territory. The sewer system is to be extended through Glenwood Avenue and the work was not necessary. Bills were rejected for this work from A. L. Taylor, M. J. Callahan, Gustav Brueck and H. J. Ashley.

Mr. Lawrence said that Inspector Gilbert's salary was too small for services rendered and moved that \$2 inspection fee be paid to the Inspector in addition to his salary. This motion was adopted unanimously and the Board adjourned.

Obituary.

John Gehring, an old resident of Brookdale, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Fullam, on the 16th inst., after a lingering illness, aged 69 years. Funeral services were held on Monday, conducted by the Rev. J. M. Nardiello. Interment was made in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Bennett-Francis

will resume musical instruction on or about Sept 6th. For terms and further particulars call or address 85 Raes St.

Bloomfield N. J.

Mountainside Hospital.
Editor Bloomfield Record:

Sir:—A few items of interest concerning the work may be appropriate.

As has already been stated, during the year ending September first the hospital had cared for six hundred and five patients. Of these but ninety-three had paid any board, leaving five hundred and twelve who have paid nothing. All who enter are asked to pay if their means permit, and we feel it is not only just to the institution but to the individual that they should do so.

No doubt we have received some who could have paid if they would, and is possible that occasionally some patient may have paid who could not well afford to do so, but this is a matter so difficult of adjustment that it seems almost impossible to avoid mistakes. In all hospitals, except where only paying patients are received, charity is greatly abused.

As has been stated sixty of the patients have been subjects of surgical operations, many of them most serious in their nature. Within the past month there have occurred several of a very delicate and unusual character which have called forth from the medical profession great praise and admiration. Of these sixty operations all have been successful in saving life but two.

The service of our nurses is becoming more and more satisfactory. A few of our graduates have taken post graduate courses of six months in large city hospitals for the treatment of special classes of disease, and the unusual commendation they received from the heads of these institutions as to the training received here has been a great encouragement.

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